UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,))
Plaintiff,)
,) Civil No. 99-CV-02496 (GK)
v.)
PHILIP MORRIS USA, INC.,) REDACTED FOR PUBLIC FILING
f/k/a PHILIP MORRIS INC., et al.,)
)
Defendants.)
)

DEFENDANTS' WRITTEN DIRECT EXAMINATION OF VICTOR LINDSLEY

SUBMITTED PURSUANT TO ORDER #471

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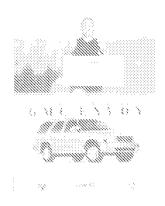


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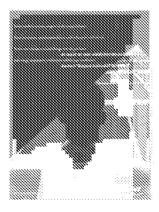
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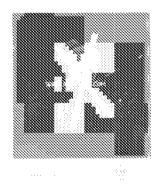
- 2 Q: Is it unusual for ads for adult products to show people engaged in sports?
- 3 A: Not in my experience.
- 4 Q: Would you describe the ads below and on the next page, JDEM-020171?
- 5 A: Those ads show competitive athletics, such as an ad for GMC Envoy with a sprinter, and
- 6 an ad for T-Mobile with a competitive skier. These ads provide a clear contrast with ours and,
- 7 frankly, give you an idea of what our ads might look like if we did violate the Code.











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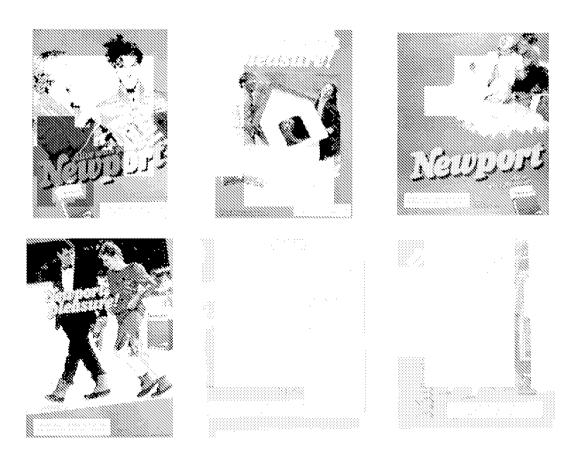
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- 2 Q: Mr. Lindsley, also on the subject of sports, Dr. Biglan asserted that a 1987 baseball
- 3 hat promotion "communicated that smoking Newport goes with playing baseball." (Biglan,
- 4 written direct 228:1-7.)
- 5 Did you intend this hat giveaway to make that communication?
- 6 A: No. Many companies distribute baseball hats. They do so because people like wearing
- 7 baseball hats, not to communicate that their products "go with playing baseball." We weren't
- 8 doing that either. We used branded promotions with baseball hats, along with other "wearables"
- 9 like t-shirts and socks, to retain the loyalty of our franchise consumers and to try to attract
- 10 competitive smokers. It was a reflection of the lifestyle of our target consumers, not a message
- about a characteristic of our product.
- 12 Q: Who could participate in these promotions?
- 13 A: Adult smokers.
- 14 Q: Do you still have promotions like these?
- 15 A: No. Since the MSA, we no longer distribute any branded premium items.
- 16 (b) The "Newport Pleasure" theme
- 17 Q: Dr. Biglan stated that, in his opinion, "Lorillard has consistently associated smoking
- 18 Newport with themes and images that are important to adolescents" (Biglan written

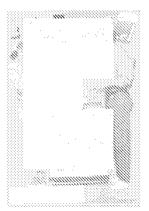
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- direct, 209:9-10.) He listed the following themes: Popularity and social acceptance, fun
- 2 and excitement, athleticism and relaxation. He stated: "Lorillard successfully
- 3 communicates to adolescents that they can achieve the social success most teenagers greatly
- 4 desire and that they can have fun—even pleasure—by becoming Newport smokers. They
- 5 can also view themselves as happy, healthy, and athletically talented people—and other
- 6 teenagers who see these advertisements will view them the same way." (Biglan written
- 7 direct, 232:15-20.)
- 8 Does that testimony accurately describe what you are trying to communicate with
- 9 Lorillard's advertising?
- 10 A: No.
- 11 Q: Why not?
- 12 A: We do not communicate Newport's themes to adolescents. Newport advertising is for
- adult smokers, pure and simple. The concepts that Dr. Biglan identified of popularity, social
- 14 acceptance, fun, excitement, athleticism and relaxation are basic human desires for people of
- almost all ages. The situations in which we show them are oriented to our core demographic, 21-
- 16 34 years old, and are executed within the guidelines we follow. During my 24 years with
- 17 Lorillard, I do not recall reviewing any market research in which any adult smoker said that an
- activity we portrayed in an ad was inappropriate to the lifestyle of people his or her age.
- 19 Q: What is Newport's overall strategy with its ads?
- 20 A: Our campaign is lifestyle-based. Newport's creative strategy is to communicate relevant
- 21 lifestyle activities to the adult smoker. We do this through adult images of fun, camaraderie, and
- socialization. The general theme of this campaign is that adults can have fun with "Newport

- 1 Pleasure." Newport Pleasure is a reflection of the product's taste and the lifestyle of our
- 2 consumer group.
- 3 Q: Let me ask you about certain groups of ads since you have been with the company.
- 4 Would you describe the ads that have been copied below and on the next page in JDEM-
- 5 020172?
- 6 A: Those are ads that each depict a man and woman enjoying everyday activities but with a
- 7 twist washing a pair of tennis shoes in the dishwasher, painting themselves into a corner,
- 8 moving a doghouse with the dog still in it, and the like.











JDEM-020172

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- 2 Now showing you JDEM-020173, which has been copied below, can you describe those ads?
- 3 A: These are other examples of Newport ads. They show groups of men and women, out of
- 4 the home, enjoying each other and the activities they are engaged in.







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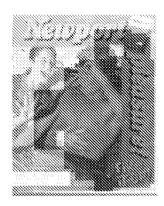














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- 2 Q: Are the Newport ads an unusual approach for an adult product?
- 3 A: No. Many products use lifestyle marketing.
- 4 Q: I would now like to ask you about a few documents mentioned by Dr. Biglan.
- 5 (Biglan written direct, 221:14-223:3.) To support his claim that you use "fun and
- 6 excitement" to appeal to adolescents, he cited four documents. First, let me ask you about
- 7 three of them, U.S. Ex. 55,927, 67,673 and 74,423. Would you identify them?
- 8 A: U.S. Ex. 55,927 and 74,423 are focus group reports dated October 1981 and January
- 9 1994 respectively. U.S. Ex. 67,673 is a research study from September 1988.
- 10 Q: Do any of these reports mention adolescents?

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- 1 A: No. They all refer to research with persons 18 or over.
- 2 Q: What is U.S. Ex. 57,155?
- 3 A: It is a proposal to us on promotional concepts by McCracken Brooks from November
- 4 1993.
- 5 O: Did the proposal refer to adolescents?
- 6 A: No. it didn't.
- 7 Q: Did Lorillard accept the proposal?
- 8 A: No.
- 9 (c) Newport's "peer" appeal
- 10 Q: Dr. Krugman testified that Lorillard uses the concept of peers to market to teens.
- He stated that "the tobacco companies understand the power and influence of peers and
- employ it in their advertising and promotion. The tobacco companies know that teenagers
- are peer oriented, and they recognize the importance of peers in the initiation of smoking."
- 14 Krugman written direct, 85:14-17.) Regarding Lorillard, he stated: "Lorillard makes a
- very direct appeal to the peer group." (Id. at 90:11.)
- Do you use a "peer" appeal to target teenagers?
- 17 A: No, we don't. All people, not just teenagers, have peers. We use the word "peer" in its
- ordinary meaning to refer to people in the same social group. In this case, the peer group
- consists of young adult smokers, ages 21-34.
- 20 Q: When did Lorillard first describe Newport as a "peer brand?"
- A: As I recall, I coined the description and first used it in the 1994 Brand Plan.
- 22 Q: What did you mean by that description?

- 1 A: It was a reflection of Newport's long-time market position as a brand for adults who like
- 2 to have fun with friends. We adopted the term because of market research in which adult
- 3 smokers told us things like "Newport will appeal to my friends" or "these are people I hang
- 4 with" or "I would recommend it to my friends."
- 5 Q: Referring you again to the 2002 Brand Plan, JD-021072, can you explain to the
- 6 Court how you used the "peer" concept?
- 7 A: REDACTED

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11 Q: Is that page reproduced on the next page as JDEM-020183?

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- 2 A: Yes, it is.
- 3 Q: When you said "their lifestyles," who did you mean?
- 4 A: I meant just what I said, adult smokers 21-34. They most certainly have their own peers
- 5 and their own lifestyles, which involve socializing with those peers. Those are the lifestyles and
- 6 the social situations that we portray in our advertising.
- 7 (d) The consistent nature of Newport's imagery
- 8 Q: Has Newport been consistent in its ads?
- 9 A: Yes. Newport has used the same type of advertising for more than 30 years, with the
- same pleasure theme, the same types of scenes and the same color scheme.

- 1 Q: Dr. Krugman agreed that "Newport has had the same campaign for the Alive With
- 2 Pleasure Campaign ... with very similar themes for 30-some years, and that also is a form
- 3 of reminder advertising that people can readily associate those colors and that type of
- 4 advertising, the picture of the pack and it reminds them, yes, Newport, without having to
- 5 think a lot about it" (12/15/04 Tr. tr. at 8630.)
- 6 Do you agree with Dr. Krugman?
- 7 A: Yes, I do. That is precisely why we have used such consistent advertising.
- 8 2. Magazine placement
- 9 Q: I would now like to ask you about your magazine placement. Dr. Krugman
- 10 testified: "Specifically, the tobacco companies knowingly reached 12 to 17 year olds with
- their magazine advertisements particularly those for Marlboro, Newport, and Camel."
- 12 (Krugman written direct, 115:21-23.)
- With respect to Newport, do you agree with Dr. Krugman?
- 14 A: No.
- 15 O: Why not?
- 16 A: Reaching 12 to 17 year olds has nothing to do with our magazine placement decisions.
- 17 Lorillard selects magazines to obtain the greatest reach of adult menthol smokers within its target
- demographic for its advertising dollars, while not using magazines with an undue exposure to
- 19 underage individuals. To accomplish this goal, we carefully analyze readership and cost
- 20 information provided by our advertising agency that indicates the number and percentage of
- 21 adult menthol smokers in different age brackets who read each magazine.
- 22 Q: Earlier, you mentioned the policy regarding magazine placement that was in place
- when you joined Lorillard. How did Lorillard interpret that policy?

- 1 A: The Code limited us to magazines primarily directed to persons 21 and over. In applying
- 2 that standard, we considered the type of publication, its editorial content, readership information
- 3 to the extent it was available, and the other type of advertising routinely present in the
- 4 publication.
- 5 Q: Earlier you also said that Lorillard changed its magazine placement policy in 2001.
- 6 Would you elaborate on the change?
- 7 A: Yes. As I mentioned before, in that year we implemented an "18% policy," under which
- 8 we refrained from advertising in any magazine measured with more than 18% readership by 12-
- 9 17 year-olds. We made that decision after discussing the issue with representatives of state
- 10 Attorneys General and articulated it in a letter that our CEO, Martin Orlowsky, sent to Attorney
- 11 General Gregoire of Washington.
- 12 O: Referring you to JE-022143, is this that letter?
- 13 A: Yes. It is a letter that Mr. Orlowsky sent to Ms. Gregoire on February 9, 2001.
- 14 Q: Did you drop any magazines as a result of that policy?
- 15 A: Yes, we dropped three magazines, Sports Illustrated and Rolling Stone immediately and
- 16 ESPN: The Magazine as soon as research showed it exceeded our 18% limit.
- 17 Q: Did the youth readership of *Sports Illustrated* later fall below that limit?
- 18 A: Yes, it did.
- 19 Q: Did you resume advertising in *Sports Illustrated* as a result?
- 20 A: Not immediately. However, we went to the publisher and asked if they could provide a
- 21 restricted edition that would not be distributed to persons under 18. The publisher then offered
- 22 us an edition not sent either to public places like schools, libraries doctors' offices, or

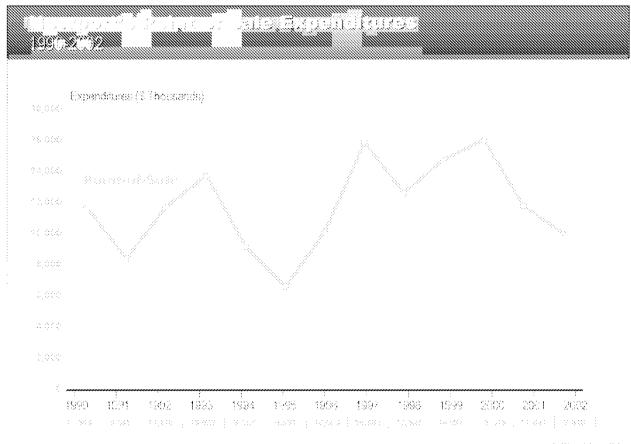
- 1 newsstands, or to homes where they had information that someone under 21 lived. We felt that
- 2 that arrangement minimized exposure to minors even more than the 18% rule.
- 3 Q: Do any other magazines provide you with selective distribution?
- 4 A: Yes, Ebony and Jet. They carry our ads only in selective-distribution editions sent to
- 5 subscribers 21 and over. Again, they do not go to public places.
- 6 Q: How did you apply the 18% rule?
- 7 A: We applied it to all magazines with youth readership measured by Simmons or MRI. For
- 8 other magazines, we looked at the publisher's statement of its positioning, its demographic
- 9 target, its subscriber base by age and gender if available, as well as its editorial content and list of
- 10 advertisers.
- 11 O: Referring you to JD-022695, can you identify that?
- 12 A: Yes. It is a volume that we maintained with information provided us by magazine
- publishers. We used that information to make our placement decisions.
- 14 Q: Now I would like to turn to your current policy. Dr. Krugman testified that "[i]n
- some recently published studies, authors define a 'youth-oriented' magazine as one which
- had a readership greater than 2 million teenagers age 12 to 17 or one whose readership of
- teenagers age 12 to 17 was more than 15[%]." (Krugman written direct, 124:1-3.)
- 18 Is that the standard now used by Lorillard?
- 19 A: Essentially, yes. Lorillard will not advertise in magazines having at least 15% or 2
- 20 million 12-17 year-old readers.
- 21 Q: When did that policy go into effect?
- 22 A: At the beginning of this year.
- 23 Q: Is that only for magazines measured by Simmons or MRI?

- 1 A: No. Magazines that are not measured by Simmons or MRI must provide a full
- 2 demographic profile showing that they meet the same standard.
- 3 Q: Did you have to drop any magazines because of the new policy?
- 4 A: We had to drop only one magazine. That was *People*, which had more than 2 million
- 5 youth readers. We dropped it even though its percentage of youth readers was only 8% or 10%,
- 6 depending on whether you use MRI or Simmons.
- 7 Q: What happens if a magazine's youth readership is over the limit and then drops
- 8 below it, as happened with Sports Illustrated. Will you get back in?
- 9 A: We haven't done that, and it is unlikely that we will unless the magazine offers a
- 10 restricted edition as Sports Illustrated did. I don't feel comfortable jumping in an out of a
- magazine because of a fluctuation in survey results.
- 12 O: Dr. Biglan testified that Lorillard selects magazines to associate Newport with
- 13 "themes and topics that are of great interest to adolescents who are concerned about
- popularity. ... For example, the content of celebrity magazines helps Lorillard communicate
- 15 that the Newport smoker is popular." (Biglan written direct at 218:3-5, 14-15.) He cited
- as an example an ad in an August 23, 1999 *People*.
- 17 Is this a reason why Lorillard advertised in magazines like *People?*
- 18 A: No. We select magazines on the basis that I mentioned above, the most economical way
- of reaching adult menthol smokers in our target demographic, while limiting exposure to minors.
- We select from a broad range of magazines in different readership categories in an attempt to
- 21 reach more segments of our target demographic.

1 3. Point-of-sale advertising

- 2 Q: Let's turn to a different form of advertising. Dr. Krugman stated: "The tobacco
- 3 companies' current marketing at retail is ubiquitous and reaches many teenagers. ... The
- 4 tobacco companies' retail marketing purposefully creates brand image and brand equity
- 5 using the same imagery that the tobacco companies previously used for many years in
- 6 magazines, on billboards, and on television." (Krugman written direct, 48:19-49:2.) He
- 7 also said that this supposed ubiquity was purposeful. (Krugman written direct, 47:20-21.)
- 8 Do you agree?
- 9 A: No.
- 10 O: Why not?
- 11 A: I do not consider our retail advertising to be "ubiquitous," and we do not intend it to be.
- We place advertising in retail locations that sell cigarettes to let adult consumers know about the
- price and availability of Newport and, to a lesser extent, Maverick and Old Gold. By far, the
- 14 majority of our retail advertising is limited to our brand name and the price, and lacks the kind of
- imagery previously seen on our billboards, which was similar to our magazine ads.
- 16 Q: Referring you to U.S. Ex. 17,481 from Dr. Krugman's testimony, can you describe
- 17 the Newport sign in this store?
- 18 A: Yes. The Newport sign simply says, "Newport pleasure!" and lists the price of a pack of
- 19 Newport. This is an example of what I mean about retail advertising being ordinarily limited to
- 20 price and brand availability.
- 21 Q: Has the amount of money Lorillard spends on point-of-sale advertising increased in
- 22 recent years?

- 1 A: The amount of money we spend on point-of-sale advertising varies from year to year, but
- 2 it has not seen a substantial increase in recent years.
- 3 Q: Do you report point-of-sale expenditures to the FTC every year?
- 4 A: Yes, we do.
- 5 Q: Referring you to JDEM-020175 below, which shows Newport's point-of-sale
- 6 expenditures, as reported to the FTC from 1990-2002, can you tell the Court what this
- 7 indicates?
- 8 A: It shows just what I stated, that our expenditures for point-of-sale advertising fluctuate
- 9 from year-to-year but have not shown a large increase in recent years.



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- 1 O: A moment ago you said that you do not consider your point-of-sale advertising
- 2 ubiquitous; would you explain why not?
- 3 A: I just testified that our point-of-sale ads are generally limited to brand name and price. In
- 4 addition, we do not have displays or point-of-sale advertising in every store that sells cigarettes.
- 5 Q: In how many stores that sell cigarettes does Lorillard place point-of-sale
- 6 advertising?
- 7 A: We place point-of-sale advertising in a relatively small portion of the 600,000 stores that
- 8 sell cigarettes in this country. Almost all of the stores in which we place point-of-sale
- 9 advertising are ones with which we have merchandising or promotional contracts. As of January
- 10 of this year we had merchandising (Excel) contracts with only 81,625 stores. We had
- promotional (non-Excel) with 31,472. Thus, about 80% of all stores selling cigarettes in this
- 12 country do not have a Lorillard advertisement.
- 13 Q: Do you select the stores in which you place point-of-sale advertising with the goal of
- making your POS advertising ubiquitous to teenagers?
- 15 A: No. We don't research consumers going in and out of stores and do not know how many
- teens enter the stores in which we have point-of-display advertising. As I mentioned, they are
- stores with merchandising or promotional contracts. We offer those contracts to stores that have
- 18 a certain quantity of weekly sales of Newport. The store owner decides whether to accept the
- 19 contract.
- 20 Q: How does your point-of-sale advertising compare to the situation a few years ago?
- 21 A: Our opportunities for point-of-sale advertising are much more limited today than in the
- 22 past.
- 23 Q: Where in the stores is your point-of-sale advertising displayed?

- 1 A: That is up to the retailer. These days, it is usually in a confined area.
- 2 Q: Do you supply items like clocks or neon signs with a Lorillard cigarette brand
- 3 name?
- 4 A: No. We used to, but we don't anymore.
- 5 O: Are there Lorillard signs facing outdoors?
- 6 A: There are, but they are limited to the brand name, price, and maybe a picture of a pack.
- 7 B. Price Promotions
- 8 Q: Dr. Chaloupka stated: "Defendants know that teenage smoking is particularly price
- 9 sensitive; and Defendants use this knowledge in developing and implementing their price-
- related marketing strategies." (Chaloupka written direct, 32:6-8.)
- 11 Is this true for Lorillard?
- 12 A: No. During my time at Lorillard, we have never studied underage persons and we have
- 13 never used knowledge about minors to make pricing decisions.
- 14 Q: Does Lorillard believe that minors are more price sensitive than adults?
- 15 A: No.
- 16 O: I would like to ask you about the two Lorillard documents on which Dr. Chaloupka
- relied. First, referring you to U.S. Ex. 22,724, would you identify it?
- 18 A: It is a report entitled, "A Study of the Effect of Pricing Changes in Michigan Two
- Months after Tax Increase," by SE Surveys Inc., dated August 1994.
- 20 Q: Have you seen this document before?
- 21 A: To my knowledge, I first saw it in connection with my preparation in this case.
- 22 Q: Have you reviewed it?
- 23 A: Yes.

- 1 Q: Did this document involve underage individuals?
- 2 A: No. It pertained only to individuals 18 and older and didn't break them down by age.
- 3 O: The other exhibit is U.S. Ex. 55.569. Would you identify it?
- 4 A: It is a 1992 memorandum by our research department regarding price sensitivity by age.
- 5 Q: Dr. Chaloupka testified that this document "shows that Lorillard, based on its
- 6 internal tracking data, was aware of the greater price sensitivity of younger smokers."
- 7 (Chaloupka written direct, 112.)
- 8 Before I ask you if this document shows that Lorillard was aware of the greater
- 9 price sensitivity of younger smokers, let me ask you: When this document was written,
- were you the Brand Director for Newport?
- 11 A: Yes.
- 12 O: Did you see this document at or around the time it was written?
- 13 A: Not that I recall. I believe I first saw it when I was preparing for this testimony.
- 14 Q: Who were the recipients of this document?
- 15 A: At the time of this document, they were all individuals in our market research
- department, not individuals involved in brand marketing.
- 17 Q: Were the research results shown in this document ever used in the marketing of
- 18 Newport?
- 19 A: No.
- 20 Q: Does this document mention underage individuals?
- 21 A: No. It relates exclusively to legal age smokers.
- 22 Q: Now, let me ask you: Does this document indicate that Lorillard was aware of a
- 23 greater price sensitivity of younger smokers?

- 1 A: No.
- 2 Q: Why not?
- 3 A: This is a report that appears to be about the results of two experimental questions that
- 4 were asked in our 1991 National Cigarette Tracking Study. I am not aware of these questions
- 5 being asked again.
- 6 Q: Up until that point did you use many price promotions for Newport?
- 7 A: No, but price promotions were becoming a more important part of our marketing
- 8 program.
- 9 Q: Did you use many price promotions for Newport after that point?
- 10 A: Yes, but their reach was limited.
- 11 O: Why was their reach limited?
- 12 A: Until 1999, our discounts were limited to coupons, which our sales force physically
- placed on the packs and cartons in the stores. That method restricted discounts to only five-to-
- 14 ten percent of our sales.
- 15 Q: What changed in 1999?
- 16 A: In that year, we started our buy-down program because of rising retail prices and
- 17 competitive pricing activity.
- 18 Q: What is a buy-down program?
- 19 A: It is a program in which we reimburse the retailer for selling Newport at a certain
- discounted price. It enables us to engage in much more widespread discounting than coupons.
- 21 We discounted up to 50% of our volume under the program initially, and now nearly 80%.
- 22 Q: In recent years how has price compared to your other marketing vehicles?
- 23 A: It has been the main thrust of our marketing activity.

- 1 Q: Why does Lorillard use price promotions?
- 2 A: For one reason only, to compete more effectively. Our competitors use price promotions,
- 3 and we have to use them to stay competitive.
- 4 O: How does the volume of Newport's discounting compare to its competitors?
- 5 A: The percentage of Newport's volume that is discounted is actually less than that of our
- 6 key major competitors, Kool and Marlboro Menthol.
- 7 Q: Have you researched the effect of your price promotions on different age groups?
- 8 A: Yes, we have researched adults of different age groups. We have never researched the
- 9 effect of price promotions on underage individuals.
- 10 O: What have you found about the impact of price on different age groups of adults?
- 11 A: We have found that price is a more important factor for older smokers. For example,
- 12 purchasers of discount cigarettes are disproportionately older. This has been well-known for a
- long time, and our 2002 Market Composition study confirmed that it is still the case.
- 14 Q: Referring you to JD-022391, what is that?
- 15 A: That is a report on our 2002 Market Composition Study.
- 16 Q: What did it indicate about the impact of price on different age groups?
- 17 A: The study found that a greater percentage of older smokers choose discount brands than
- 18 younger smokers. A table on page 2125 shows that only 12% of smokers of discount brands
- were 21-34 compared to 34% of smokers of full price brands. On the other hand, 50% of
- discount smokers were 50 and over, compared to only 30% of full-price smokers. In the middle,
- about the same percentage of smokers of the two classes were 35-49.
- 22 Q: Referring you to JDEM-020176, which is copied on the next page, does that show
- 23 the results to which you just referred?

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Age	Total Resp. (2508)	Full Price (1899)	Discount (562)
21-34	28%	34%	12%
21-24	10%	12%	3%
25-34	18%	22%	9%
35-49	35%	36%	38%
50 or older	37%	30%	50%
Mean Age	44.8	42.3	49.5

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- 2 A: Yes.
- 3 Q: Have you researched coupon use among different age groups of Newport smokers?
- 4 A: Yes, we have. We track coupon users through our direct marketing database, in which
- 5 we have the ages of all participants.
- 6 Q: What have you found?
- 7 A: We found that older adults use Newport coupons to a much greater extent than younger
- 8 adults.

- 1 C. <u>Direct Marketing</u>
- 2 Q: You just referred to your direct marketing program. For how long have you had it?
- 3 A: We began using direct mail on a very limited basis in the early 1990s. It became a major
- 4 focus for us with the creation of our Database Marketing Department in 2001.
- 5 Q: Why did it become a major focus for you?
- 6 A: It became a major focus because direct marketing allows us to communicate directly with
- 7 adult smokers.
- 8 Q: Dr. Dolan testified, based on a stipulation between Lorillard and the government,
- 9 that in 2002 Lorillard sent 9 million mailings to 3.2 million people whose ages you did not
- 10 "really know for sure." (Dolan written direct, 148:18-149:4.)
- Have you reviewed the stipulation? (U.S. Ex. 90,002.)
- 12 A: Yes.
- 13 Q: Earlier, you said that you limit direct marketing to people who are 21 and over.
- What steps do you take to limit this marketing tool so that it is not directed at underage
- 15 individuals?
- 16 A: Any person placed on our database, called "Epiphany," must sign a certification that he
- or she is at least 21, is a smoker, and wishes to receive mail from us. As with other aspects of
- marketing, we use a limit of 21 to provide a buffer from the legal age even though the MSA
- allows us to send premium items to any legal-age smoker. Also, since the MSA, we require age-
- verification before sending premium items. Specifically, we require a government-issued ID or
- independent age-verification by a service called "Aristotle."
- 22 Q: What is Aristotle?

- 1 A: It is the largest and most well-known service that verifies ages. It does so by checking
- 2 the names against public records.
- 3 O: Do you send mailings to people whose age you don't really know for sure, as Dr.
- 4 Dolan said?
- 5 A: I don't know what "don't really know for sure" means, but I do know we have tried to
- 6 weed out underage individuals.
- 7 Q: Please explain how you did that.
- 8 A: In 2002, we tried to match all 4.8 million qualified individuals in our database against the
- 9 under-21-year-olds in two public databases (Donnelly and KnowledgeBase) and identified 2,570,
- or less than 1/10th of 1%, as potentially under 21. We wrote to all 2,570 and asked for a
- 11 Government ID to stay in the program. Those who didn't send one were placed on a
- 12 "Suppression" database so that they would not receive mailings. Since then, all new participants
- are run through the two sources, and the same procedure is followed.
- 14 Q: Have any underage individuals tried to get onto your database?
- 15 A: Yes, they have.
- 16 O: Have any of them successfully gotten onto your database?
- 17 A: Yes.
- 18 Q: What happens if you learn that a participant is under 21?
- 19 A: We remove them from "Epiphany" and place them on "Suppression."
- 20 Q: How do you learn that someone on your database is underage?
- 21 A: I mentioned that we run checks periodically. In addition, occasionally we receive calls
- from parents. Also, sometimes an individual who is under the age of 21 and who has been on the
- database will send in an ID when he turns 21 so that he can receive premium items. If that

- 1 happens, we know the person has obtained access to the program improperly, and we put his
- 2 name on "Suppression."
- 3 Q: What if someone no longer wants to be part of the program?
- 4 A: Every mailing contains a toll-free number for people to call to request removal. If they
- 5 do, we place them on "Suppression."
- 6 Q: Do you track the ages of customers who redeem premium items from your direct
- 7 mail program?
- 8 A: Yes. As we do with coupons, we track customers who redeem premium items.
- 9 O: Do they tend to be older or younger?
- 10 A: They tend to be older adults.
- 11 Q: Referring you to JD-022474, p. 1232, what does that indicate about the ages of
- people who redeem premium items?
- 13 A: REDACTED
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- 16 O: Is it true that all of your mailings are associated with the Newport brand?
- 17 A: Yes.
- 18 O: Why is that?
- 19 A: The reason is that Newport is the only Lorillard brand that has demonstrated the ability to
- 20 maintain franchise smokers and attract competitive smokers.
- 21 Q: Let me ask you about U.S. Ex. 22,208, a 1990 document. The government
- 22 introduced this document and says that it shows that "one of the 'Uses of Database

- 1 Marketing' was 'Overcoming the loss of some media print media with high under 21
- 2 readership." (U.S. Findings of Fact, Paragraph 3768.)
- Would you describe this document?
- 4 A: This was a presentation to us in 1990 by two outside consultants, who were trying to
- 5 encourage us to use database marketing.
- 6 Q: Were you part of the presentation?
- 7 A: I don't recall being there, and I didn't see the document at the time.
- 8 Q: Did Lorillard adopt this proposal?
- 9 A: Not to my knowledge. We had a few mailings in the 1990's, but we didn't have a direct
- marketing program like we have today.
- 11 O: Based on your experience at Lorillard, what was the meaning of the comment
- 12 quoted by the government, 'Overcoming the loss of some media print media with high
- under 21 readership."
- 14 A: These presenters were apparently anticipating that we would be withdrawing from some
- of the magazines we were using at the time and would need a vehicle to replace them. On the
- same page as this comment, they mention that one advantage of database marketing is that it
- would go directly and exclusively to smokers with no wasted circulation and that it would be
- unseen by nonsmokers. That is, in fact, one of the advantages of our direct marketing program.
- D. Sampling
- 20 Q: Dr. Krugman testified: "Cigarette product sampling ... [has] regularly reached
- 21 teenagers." (Krugman written direct, 107:4-5.)
- 22 Is this true for Lorillard?

- 1 A: No. In fact, we haven't provided any free samples for several years. With the increasing
- 2 importance of price competition, we found that our sampling programs were inefficient ways to
- 3 get people to try our products.
- 4 Q: When Lorillard was sampling, were there any age restrictions?
- 5 A: Yes. Sampling under the Code was limited to adult smokers 21 years-old and older, and,
- 6 in recent years, to adults facilities such as bars that were restricted to persons aged 21 and over;
- 7 even then, we verified the ages of all recipients with a Government ID.
- 8 Q: How did you try to make sure that the people giving out the samples followed the
- 9 rules?
- 10 A: We trained the samplers in the rules they were to follow, and we included those rules in
- our contracts with them. We also conducted on-site checking for compliance.
- E. Sponsorships
- 13 Q: Dr. Krugman testified: "Tobacco companies rely on sponsorships to develop
- 14 customer relationships and foster positive brand images." (Krugman Written Direct at
- 15 108:4-5).
- Does Lorillard have any brand sponsorships?
- 17 A: No. Although we are allowed one sponsorship under the MSA, Lorillard does not have
- any and has not had one for nearly a decade.
- 19 Q: Has Newport ever had any sponsorships?
- 20 A: Yes. From 1990-96, Newport sponsored a race car in the minor league Toyota Atlantic
- and Indy Lights leagues.

F. Product Placement

- 2 Q: Dr. Krugman testified that "the tobacco companies used product placement in
- 3 movies to promote their cigarette brands." (Krugman written direct, 114:8-9.)
- 4 Is that true for Lorillard?
- 5 A: No.
- 6 Q: Why not?
- 7 A: We are barred by the MSA from paying for product placement. Not only that, but for as
- 8 long as I have been at Lorillard, we have denied permission to use our brands when asked and
- 9 strenuously objected when we learn that someone used them without asking.
- 10 O: Referring you to JD-020619, JD-020632, JD-022903, JD-020633, JD-020634,
- 11 JD-020635, JE-025842, JE-025843, JE-025838, JE-025837, JE-025847 and JD-022606,
- would you identify them?
- 13 A: They are examples of correspondence regarding the actual or requested use of our
- 14 cigarette brands in entertainment vehicles since I have been with Lorillard.
- 15 O: Please describe those instances.
- 16 A: On November 12, 1984, we denied a request to use our cigarettes in Twentieth Century
- Fox movies. More recently, we denied requests in 1996 to supply True cigarettes in the movie
- 18 "Myth America," in 1988 to use Lorillard products in films produced by Obit Productions and
- 19 Sweetheart Productions, in 1999 to use the phrase "Alive with Pleasure" in a production called
- "Susanna," and in 2001 to use Newport in the pilot for the TV series "Monk."
- In the case of "Monk," we later learned that the producers used Newport in a series
- 22 episode anyway. Our CEO, Mr. Orlowsky, wrote Susan Lyne, president of ABC Entertainment,
- on November 4, 2002 in protest. He asked that "future references to our products do not make it

- 1 to air" and that the reference to Newport be deleted from the episode in question.
- 2 Unfortunately, an ABC Entertainment lawyer wrote back denying the request.
- A similar unauthorized use of Newport occurred on the series "Friends." On May 3,
- 4 2001, Mr. Orlowsky wrote Jeff Zucker, president of NBC Entertainment, that he was "quite
- 5 upset that your producers would allow such a blatant portrayal of our products to be broadcast,
- 6 period." He pointed out: "In 1998, we voluntarily agreed to refrain from product placement in
- 7 movies and television, a practice we already had abandoned years ago." He also asked that the
- 8 references to Newport Lights be purged from future airings of the episode. On June 4, 2001,
- 9 only a month later, Mr. Orlowsky made another request of Mr. Zucker to remove a Lorillard
- cigarette reference from an NBC program, this time in the series "Frasier."
- Mr. Orlowsky has sent similar letters to the president of CBS Entertainment objecting to
- 12 the use of Newport in the series "Big Brother 2" and to the CEO of Warner Brothers
- complaining about the portrayal of Newport in the film City by the Sea.
- 14 Q: Is there anything you can do to prevent the use of your products in entertainment
- vehicles?
- 16 A: Unfortunately, no. But we will continue to deny permission to producers who ask us and
- 17 to protest if they use our products without permission.
- G. Market Research
- 19 Q: Dr. Biglan stated: "Lorillard monitored cigarette smoking among teenagers long
- after the industry claimed not to be marketing to teenagers. It analyzed the ages at which
- 21 teenagers started smoking Newport" (Biglan written direct, 209:14-17.)
- 22 Is this true?

- 1 A: It is untrue for as long as I have been at Lorillard. We have never monitored cigarette
- 2 smoking among teenagers, except that until 1999 we included 18 and 19 year old smokers in
- 3 some of our studies.
- 4 O: Based on your experience at Lorillard, did the company monitor cigarette smoking
- 5 among teenagers before you arrived in 1981?
- 6 A: No, it didn't, except for 18 to 19 year-olds in some studies.
- 7 1. Documents Relied Upon By The Government
- 8 Q: I would like to ask you about the three documents Dr. Biglan cites in support of his
- 9 allegation, U.S. Ex. 20,065, U.S. Ex. 55,927, and U.S. Ex. 22,357.
- Have you reviewed them?
- 11 A: Yes, I have.
- 12 Q: I will ask you about the individual documents in a moment. But first, taken as a
- 13 group and based on your experience at Lorillard, do they constitute monitoring of cigarette
- smoking among teenagers?
- 15 A: No, they don't.
- **16** O: Why not?
- 17 A: Three documents during a 30-year marketing campaign couldn't possibly constitute
- monitoring. Monitoring is tracking with the same type of research over a period of time. It is
- what we regularly do with adult smokers. We don't do it with adolescents.
- 20 Q: Do any of these documents contain sufficient information about teenage smokers to
- 21 support rational business decisions?
- 22 A: No, they don't.